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SUBJECT: FRG AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
STOESSEL, NOV 8

1. FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE COVERED DURING CALL BY FRG
AMBASSADOR VON STADEN ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL
NOVEMBER 8:

2. ATLANTIC DECLARATIONS: STOESSEL TOLD VON STADEN
THAT SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN DRAFTING DECLARATIONS
AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS CAN BE MADE
AT MEETING WITH POLITICAL DIRECTORS NEXT WEEK. VON STADEN
SAID THAT HE IS OPTIMISTIC. VON STADEN URGED THAT US NOT
ATTACH TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO USE OF WORD PARTNERSHIP.
HE REFERRED TO STOESSEL'S CONVERSATION WITH SCHEEL ON THIS
POINT AND SAID THAT SCHEEL HAD CORRECTLY OUTLINED FRENCH
OBJECTIONS. STOESSEL ASKED IF USE OF QUOTE EQUAL PARTNERS
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UNQUOTE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. VON STADEN REPLIED THAT
THESE WORDS-WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO FRG SINCE
EUROPE AND US ARE NOT EQUAL.

3. MIDDLE EAST: VON STADEN WAS MOST IMPRESSED BY RESULTS OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO CAIRO. HE DESCRIBED US POLICY

IN MIDDLE EAST AS BRILLIANT BECAUSE US NOW ONLY MAJOR POWER WITH CREDENTIALS TO TALK TO BOTH ISRAELIS AND ARABS AND BRING ABOUT PEACE SETTLEMENT.

4. OIL: VON STADEN URGED THAT US NOT EXPRESS DISPLEASURE WITH EC DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 6. HE RECOGNIZED THAT DECLARATION DOES NOT CONFORM WITH US WISHES ON ALL POINTS, BUT POINTED OUT DESIRABILITY OF NOT TAKING OVERLY STRONG LINE AGAINST ARABS AT PRESENT. HE DESCRIBED ARAB UNITY AS TENUOUS IN LIGHT OF DIFFERENT INTERESTS OF INDIVIDUAL ARAB STATES AND CLAIMED THAT UNITY WOULD FALL APART IF OIL CONSUMER NATIONS DO NOT OVERREACT. HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT EC DECLARATION WILL HELP IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL BECAUSE IT DEMONSTRATES THAT EC CONSIDERS ACCOMMODATION OF SOME ARAB POSITIONS TO BE IMPORTANT. STOESSEL POINTED OUT THAT A LESS PRO-ARAB STAND BY EC COULD HELP ENCOURAGE ARAB NATIONS TO PURSUE THEIR SEPARATE INTERESTS.

5. STOESSEL'S TALKS IN BONN: STOESSEL SAID HE HAD FOUND HIS TALKS IN BONN TO BE QUITE USEFUL. VON STADEN ATTRIBUTED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO STOESSEL'S MEETING WITH CARSTENS SINCE IT WOULD HELP FORESTALL ANY INCLINATION OF THE OPPOSITION TO EXPLOIT CURRENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FRG AND US.

6. OFFSET: STOESSEL SAID THAT SOME LITTLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE DURING THE CASEY-HERMES MEETING NOVEMBER 6. WE HOPE FOR MORE PROGRESS IN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER. VON STADEN STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF EARLY
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RECEIPT OF INTERPRETATION OF JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT. HE UNDERSTOOD QUESTION OF HOW MUCH TIME NATO MEMBERS WILL HAVE TO COVER FY 74 DEFICIT, BUT SAID THAT QUESTION OF WHAT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE AS OFFSET IS THE ONE WHICH IS PARAMOUNT.

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